Mr. President.—I understand the question. It is the intention of the Government that the Legislative Council should fix the salary of the Minister. If it so happens that the Minister has to be appointed before the meeting of the Council a tentative salary will be given by the Government. Afterwards a Bill fixing the salary will be brought into the House.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—When will the Minister be appointed ?

Mr. President.—A Press Note was issued that the Minister will be appointed soon after the general election.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Does the Government propose to bring any more subjects for the discussion of the Council such as Harbour and Railways ?

Mr. President.—It will be kept in view in framing the constitution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government also be pleased to consider the question of giving us an elected President ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—For the time being we do not ask for it.

Midwives—Appointment in Villages.

204. Mr. K M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state the names of villages where midwives have been appointed by the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Midwives have not been appointed by the Government in any of the villages as such. Midwives are attached to almost all the medical institutions. They are intended to cater to the needs of that locality and the surrounding areas.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is there one attached to the Cranganur Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government can take up the question of getting as many trained midwives as will be necessary to have the services of one midwife at least to every village ?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— At present in view of the limited finances of the Government it will not be possible to launch upon a scheme of such a magnitude.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Are there midwives not in the service?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— How many, may I know?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— I am not in a position to give you an off-hand answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Approximately, please.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— There are 17 in the Public Health Department and I should think there are about 30 or 40 outside.

Public Health Department—allegations against clerk S. Krishna Ayyar.

൨൩൭. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*— താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

(എ) പബ്ളിക്കു ഹെൽത്തു പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡയറക്ടരവർകളുടെ ആപ്പീസ്സിൽ എസ്സ്. കൃഷ്ണയ്യർ എന്ന ഒരു ക്ലാർക്കു ഉണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അദ്ദേഹം കൈക്കൂലി വാങ്ങിച്ചു എന്നോ വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നു എന്നോ വല്ല ആക്ഷേപങ്ങളും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്ര എന്നും ആക്ഷേപകർ ആരൊക്കെയാണെന്നും പറയാമോ;

(ഡി) അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഇ) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തു നടപടിയാണു് നടത്തിയതു്?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. പൈ വാഴം *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—

(എ) ഉണ്ടു്.

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